MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know, Sir, whether a Police officer in charge of a station can, by merely looking at a person who is injured, say that the offence which caused the injury will fall under Section 324 or 326 of the T. P. C.?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): It will depend upon the circumstances of each case. I cannot give an answer to a general or hypothetical question.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Is it possible for a layman like the police officer to understand whether a particular offence falls under Section 324 or 326 of the T. P. C.?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): It may be possible or it may not be possible.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Sir, my question is whether the police officer in charge of a police station does possess any expert knowledge to decide a technical question of this character?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): It does not always require technical knowledge.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): To decide whether a particular injury will fall under a particular Section?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): In my opinion it does not always require technical knowledge. It may sometimes be needed but not always.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether the effect of the G. O. is to over-ride the provisions of the Criminal Procedure Code?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): No, Sir; no such thing is intended.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know, Sir, whether the Government are aware that on the basis of this G. O. corrupt officers are exploiting the people?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirhar Vakil*): Government are not aware. If the member is making any such assertion I shall communicate it to the Police Commissioner.

I take it that by "G. O." Mr. Nilakanta Pillai is referring to the Circular.

Loss of a Sanskrit Grandha from the office of the Curator for the Publication of Sanskrit Manuscripts.

329. **MR. K. N. KESAVAN NAMPUTIRIPAD** (*Jenmies*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any manuscript *grandha* which has been copied at Government expense is missing from the office of the Curator for the publication of Sanskrit manuscripts; and

(*b*) if the manuscript and the transcript copies are missing, the action taken by the Government in the matter?

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No manuscript *grandha* which has been copied at Government expense is missing from the office of the Curator for the publication of Sanskrit manuscripts. But some manuscripts and transcripts belonging to the Malayalam Curator's office were found missing when the records were transferred to the Curator for the publication of Sanskrit manuscripts.

(*b*) The Curator has been asked to investigate the matter and report to the Government.

MR. K. N. KESAVAN NAMPUTIRIPAD (*Jenmies*): With reference to the latter part of the answer to (*a*), may I know the number of manuscripts that are missing in the office of the Curator?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The number of manuscripts is 21 and copies of manuscript taken—6.

MR. K. N. KESAVAN NAMPUTIRIPAD (*Jenmies*): May I know the date on which the Curator was asked to investigate the matter?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): 6th June 1928.

MR. K. N. KESAVAN NAMPUTIRIPAD (*Jenmies*): May I know whether the officer has submitted any report?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No.

Testing of motor cars and buses.

330. **MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI** (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether licenses have been issued to the owners of motor cars and buses plying in this country only after testing their fitness and strength;

(*b*) the names of the persons who have been authorised at present (15-11-1104) to test the buses and cars;

(*c*) whether any private agencies have been authorised at present to do the above work;

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative, the names of those agencies;

(*e*) whether any fees have to be paid to them (private agencies) for this by the car-owners;

(*f*) if so, the rates of the fees;

(*g*) whether they receive any share thereof;

(*h*) whether any accounts are being submitted to the Government in respect of the fees received by those agencies; and

(*i*) whether they (private agencies) have any responsibility in the matter of inspection?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes. The testing is insisted upon only in the case of public passenger vehicles plying for hire which are subject to the conditions laid down in the 'G' Permit, annexed to the Motor Vehicles Rules of 1096.

(*b*) List* of authorised examiners is laid on the table.

(*c*) and (*d*) The member is referred to the answer to part (*b*) above.

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* *Vide* Appendix LV—page 1080.

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